RE: ARREST OF THE SHANKARACHARYA OF DWARKA

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Madam Deputy Chairman, I have asked about the making of a statement by the Government about the arrest of the Sankaracharya of Dwarka. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA (Uttar Pradesh): It cannot be raised here.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Why not? (*Interruptions*). I would like to know whether the Government will use the same standard to the BJP, Vishwa Hindu Parishad and RSS also. Or will they be lenient with them? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): ... Sankaracharya was being supported by the Congress-I. Let the truth come out.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Sankaracharya is Sankaracharya. He is not Karl Marx. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: ... who was going to lay the foundation stone on Ram Janambhoomi on 7th of May. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: The question is whether the Government will use a uniform standard.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE (Maharashtra): Madam, I totally refute the allegation of Mr. Dipen Ghosh that we are, in any manner responsible. It is essential that we reiterate, in unequivocal terms, categorical terms, the position of our party. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: ... 'Times of India' ... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER (Gujarat): In the newspaper it has been planted by friends like you.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: I don't have to teach him... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: The point I am making is... (*Interruptions*). I am on my legs, Mr. Salve.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I don't allow anyone without permission.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Madam, I would like to know whether the Government's policy is uniform on this; whether the R.S.S. and the Vishwa Hindu Parishad are given special treatment; whether the Shankaracharya is being treated differently and whether the Government's policy is consistent. ... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): I rise to congratulate the Government, particularly the Government of U.P. for arresting the Shankaracharya of Puri. ... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: You don't even know which Shankaracharya it is. ... (*Interruptions*)..

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: This is for the first time that the Shankaracharya has been arrested... (*Interruptions*) Previously when we demanded the arrest of the Shankaracharya, the then Congress (I) Government did not have the courage to touch him even. ... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will not allow . . (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: The stand of my party is... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: My point is , this Government should be congratulated and more arrests should be made to ensure that the communal situation in the country does not degenerate while at the

same time, Madam, I say with full responsibility that this Congress Party has the responsibility in supporting ... (*Interruptions*) ... the Shankaracharya and the Communal forces. The Shankaracharya of Puri was never arrested; while on a previous occasion we demanded, your Government did not do it. This is an example of how you have been soft-pedalling the issue relating to Shankaracharya. '... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: Madam, anyone who makes allegations against us is a total.*... (*Interruptions*)... He is speaking falsehood. ...(*Interruptions*)... These are and nothing else. Madam, the stand of my party is clear. So far as the issues relating to Babri Masjid and Ram Janam Bhoomi are concerned, we have stated in unequivocal terms ...(*Interruptions*)... These are. These are absolute * ...(*Interruptions*)... Madam, we have stated in unequivocal terms and made it categorical that so far as my party is concerned, though Hindu and Muslim sentiments are involved in Ram Janam Bhoomi matters, we will abide by the decision of the Court. ...(*Interruptions*) Since it is a property dispute, we will abide by the decision of the Court. Madam, in the meanwhile when the situation was deteriorating every day, what was this Government doing? It is the Government which is responsible today for bungling the entire situation as a result of which the present situation has arisen. Instead of telling us ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Do you support the arrest of Shankaracharya or not? ... (*Interruptions*)...I was to know whether you support the arrest or not... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Do you want the Shankaracharya to be released?...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Do you support the arrest of Shankaracharya or not?... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: Please listen. I will reply. ... (*Interruptions*) ...Mr. Gupta, you have raised your question. Now pleased sit down. I will reply. We will support the decision of the High Court. Madam, there is no question of supporting anybody. We support nobody.

SHRI A.G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): Madam,...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Deputy Leader of your party is on his legs. Please let him speak, Mr. Kulkarni.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Do you support the arrest of Shankaracharya or not?

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: It is no use; their shouting is not going to cow down us. We are only holding the Government responsible...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Do you support the arrest or not?

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: Why don' you ask your Government? ... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, he is non-committal.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: I am unequivocal. I do not support anything. ...(*Interruptions*)... Madam, one minute. I want to submit that the situation has been deteriorating very fast, very steeply and it was the duty of this Government to intervene and put an end to this kind of a situation and today a situation has come about where no less a person than the Shankaracharya has to be arrested. Whether the arrest of the Shankaracharya is correct or not is not the issue so far as we are concerned. . (*Interruptions*)... So far as we are concerned, the issue is...(*Interruptions*)... not that..

*Expunged as ordered by the Chair

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Why not? ... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: That is not the issue before us... (*Interruptions*).. Before us that is not the issue. Before us the issue is what this Government has done... (*Interruptions*)... Madam, the issue is that the situation has been deteriorating every day and the Government has been keeping quiet... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: The decision of the Shankaracharya to go there on the 7th May for the Shilanyas... (*Interruptions*)...was wrong... (*Interruptions*)...since it would lead to a tense communal situation. (*Interruptions*)...He had to be arrested. ... (*Interruptions*)... Do you support it or not?... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: We stand by our commitment ... (*Interruptions*)... We stand by our commitment that we will abide the verdict of the Court. This has been our stand all the while. But, in the meantime, Madam, the Government has been absolutely sleeping over the problem as a result of which the situation has deteriorated so much leading to the arrest of the Shankaracharya which is likely to have serious ramifications ... (*Interruptions*)...First, you sleep over the matter and you allow a communal situation to be created... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: What is your stand on the arrest of the Shankaracharya?... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: What is your stand on this?. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Mr. Dipen, why don't you listen to me first? I am replying to your question... (*Interruptions*)...My reply is categorical... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will Mr. Salve say whether his party supports the Shankaracharya or not? ... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: I am telling you what we support and what we stand for... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: You say that clearly... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: You support the arrest of the Shankaracharya or not?... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: That is not the issue and that is irrelevant. (*Interruptions*)... We are not debating the Shankaracharya... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: If the Shankaracharya had been allowed to go there on the 7th May for the foundation-stone-laying ceremony, a very serious communal situation would have arisen .. (*Interruptions*)... and, so, he had to be arrested... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I think the matter is closed now and we will now take up the Special Mentions.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Madam, you permitted me earlier... (*Interruptions*)...You permitted to speak. ... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I permitted you then because I thought you wanted to speak on this simultaneously... (*Interruptions*) ... Because Mr. Salve was speaking, I said that the Deputy Leader of your party was on his legs and he should finish first. Now, that matter is over... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Madam, would you permit me to raise another point or not?... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is with regard to what?

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: It is about the patisan attitude... (*Interruptions*) ..

श्री ईश दत्त यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदया, उत्तर प्रदेश के मुख्य मंत्री मुलायम सिंह यादव ने उत्तर प्रदेश को सांप्रदायिक तनाव से बचा लिया है, पूरे देश को साम्प्रदायिक तनाव से बचा लिया है . . . (**व्यवधान**) . . . महोदया, उत्तर प्रदेश के मुख्य मंत्री मुलायम सिंह यादव बधाई के पात्र हैं, उन्होंने पूरे देश को सांप्रदायिक तनाव से बचा लिया है । इसलिए मैं चाहता हूं कि एक बधाई संदेश उनको जाना चाहिए. . (**व्यवधान**) . . . उनके कार्य की सराहना होनी चाहिए और मैं चाहता हूं कि उत्तर प्रदेश के मुख्य मंत्री को इस सदन से एक बधाई संदेश जाना चाहिए उनके इस अच्छे कार्य के लिए क्योंकि उन्होंने पूरे देश को सांप्रदायिक तनाव से बचाया है । . . . (**व्यवधान**)

एक माननीय सदस्य : कानपुर और मथुरा में दंगे करवाने के लिए दना चाहिए । . . . (**व्यवधान**)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: The Shankaracharya had to be arrested . . . (*Interruptions*) . . . Misuse of funds of the VHP has been there.. (*Interruptions*) . . . Let the Government come out with details . . . (*Interruptions*) . . . ..

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया (बिहार) : महोदया, सोमवार को जो मैंने एक स्पेशल मेंशन उठाया था, उस पर सारे हिन्दुस्तान के अखबारों में छपा है कि प्रधान मंत्री इस सदन में एक स्टेटमेंट देना चाहते थे और कांग्रेस के सदस्यों ने उनको रोका है और जहां तक दूरदर्शन का है, दूरदर्शन में भी यही बात कही गई है मैं आपके माध्यम से प्रधान मंत्री से मांग करता हूं कि वे आकर जो फतेहपुर में हरिजन को जिंदा जलाया गया, उस बारे में स्टेटमेंट दें । . . . (**व्यवधान**) . . . महोदया, प्रधानमंत्री ने इस सदन में फतेहपुर में हरिजनों को जिंदा जलाने के बारे में स्टेटमेंट देने की बात कही थी और मैंने जो फतेहपुर में हरिजन के बारे में स्पेशल मेंशन उठाया था, उस बारे में दूरदर्शन के माध्यम से पूरे देश को गुमराह किया गया कि उस पर चर्चा या बहस करने के लिए कांग्रेस सदस्य राजी नहीं थे । मैं आपके माध्यम से सरकार से मांग करता हूं कि प्रधान मंत्री महोदय आकर बताएं क्योंकि उन्होंने यह भी बात कही कि उनको जिस वक्त पता लगा था, उन्होंने डिस्ट्रिक्ट मजिस्ट्रेट को कहा था कि इन्क्वायरी की जाय । मैं जब फतेहपुर गया था तब मेरे साथ चार और सांसद भी थे पर डिस्ट्रिक्ट मजिस्ट्रेट हम लोगों से मिले तक नहीं . . . (**व्यवधान**)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please take your seat. Enough is enough. You have made your point. Please take your seat. Now I am calling Mr. Suresh Pachouri.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया : महोदया, हाउस की प्रोसीडिंग्ज के बारे में दूरदर्शन के माध्यम से गुमराह किया गया है . . . . (**व्यवधान**)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: This House, the Rajya Sabha, congratulates the Government of Uttar Pradesh and the Chief Minister for arresting the Shankaracharya.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया : महोदया, इस राज्य सभा की कार्यवाही को मिसगाइड करके, मिसइंटरप्रैट करके इस सदन के बारे में पूरे मुल्क के लोगों को गुमराह किया गया । सोमवार की दूरदर्शन की न्यूज में यह बात कही गई है । यह बहुत गंभीर मामला है । यहां पर इन्फारमेशन और ब्राडकास्टिंग मिनिस्टर बैठे हैं, वे मेरी बात का जवाब दें . . .

उपसभापति : मिस्टर अहलुवालिया बैठ जाइए . . . You have had your say. The Minister is here. He will reply if he

[उपसभापति]

feels it necessary. (*Interruptions*) If all of you speak together, nothing can go no record. Please take your seats.

श्री ईश दत्त यादव : मैडम, आज कांग्रेस के लोगों का पर्दाफाश हो गया है। चालीस सालों तक पूरे देश में इन्होंने हिन्दू और मुसलमानों के नाम पर बांटकर अपना राज चलाने की कोशिश की है आज इनका पर्दाफाश हो गया है। राम जन्मभूमि और बाबरी मस्जिद जैसे मामलों पर इन्होंने लोगों की भावनाओं को भड़काया है ... (**व्यवधान**)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Leader of the House wants to say something. Please listen.

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): Madam, in the melse of voices it is very difficult to understand what issue is being raised...

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH (Maharashtra): I can tell you what the issue is. The issue that is being raised is...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, I have not permitted you. You take my permission first...

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH: But the Minister wants to know...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, you have to take my permission, not the permission of the Leader of the House. I am in the Chair. You have to take my permission. I have not allowed you.

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH: The Minister is asking for... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV (Maharashtra): Is he not understanding the issues?

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH: Doordarshan is distorting the issue... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please take your seat.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Madam, one or two issues have been raised. One is about Shankaracharya's arrest and the Ramjanam Bhoomi issue. Another is about Doordarshan. That is what I understood from the melee of voices. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH: The Prime Minister was asked to give a statement. Because of procedural difficulties... (*Interruptions*) We then asked that this should be done after the Question Hour was over. The hon. Prime Minister... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Does he want me to say something? (*Interruptions*) He is interrupting. What is it he wants? (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The matter is over. Mr. Suresh Pachouri. Special Mention. (*Interruptions*). If you keep on interrupting the Leader of the House, I am not going to permit him to speak now. If you keep on interrupting, I will not permit him to speak. (*Interruptions*) Please take your seat. I have said: take your seat. Otherwise I will not allow him. You keep on speaking the whole day but I won't allow hom. Take your seat. I am not permitting anybody. (*Interruptions*) Take your seat. Sit down. (*Interruptions*) If you go on interrupting him, I will not allow him to speak.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Madam, three issues have been raised if I... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jadhav, if you go on interrupting, I will not ask him to reply.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: If they interrupt like this, what can I do? (*Interruptions*)

Madam, three issues have been raised. One is about Shankaracharya and another Ram Janambhoomi issue, and the third is about atrocities on Harijans, if I understood them. Madam, regarding the Ram Janambhoomi issue... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: I am also a Swamy! I have the right to ask about Shankaracharya... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There are many 'Swamys' in this House, not only you.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: I am also a Swamy like you! (*Interruptions*) Madam, regarding the Ram Janambhoomi issue, our Government is not on the defensive. Our stand is very clear. We abide by the decision of the High Court. Regarding the arrest of Shankaracharya, this is a matter for the State Government. And he has been arrested because he tried to commit breach of peace. (*Interruptions*) And he has been rightly arrested there. Regarding the third issue, atrocities on Harijans, an inquiry is being conducted by the District Magistrate there. Therefore, we have to wait for the inquiry report. (*Interruptions*)

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया : दूरदर्शन ने इस पूरी कहानी को गलत ढंग से पेश किया। उस दिन दूरदर्शन ने राज्य सभा की पूरी कार्यवाही को गलत ढंग से पेश किया ... (**व्यवधान**)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Doordarshan channel is closed. Please take your seat. Mr. Suresh Pachouri, you please speak on your Special Mention. (*Interruptions*)

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : इस सारे सदन की कार्यवाही को दूरदर्शन ने जिस तरह से पेश किया... (**व्यवधान**)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I request the Members to take their seats so that we may go ahead with whatever is on the agenda. Nothing else will go on record. You may go on speaking. (*Interruptions*) I said that you had had your say. When the Government wants to come here to reply, I will permit. (*Interruptions*) You don't allow me to speak. How do I expect the Government to speak? If you want my protection, let me at least give it to you. You have raised issues about Doordarshan and about Shankaracharya. The Leader of the House has spoken partly. The Minister is here. When they come to the House to reply, I will allow them to speak. (*Interruptions*) I am going ahead with whatever is on the agenda. You cannot go on discussing this thing. There should be a certain procedure of this House. (*Interruptions*) You had your say.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया: दूरदर्शन की पूरी कैसट को इस सदन के सामने रखा जाए। पूरी कार्यवाही रखी जाए... (**व्यवधान**) हम इस तरह से सन्तुष्ट नहीं हो सकते।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If you are not satisfied, you write a letter to the Chairman who is really the custodian of this House and not me. I am only his deputy. Write a letter to the Chairman saying that the proceedings of the Rajya Sabha are, if you feel that way, *mala fide*. Let the Chairman take action. Now let me go ahead with the business.

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): Why we got agitated is because the Minister is here. There was a distortion in the T.V. news. (*Interruptions*). There was a distortion in the proceedings that had taken place here and that had been telecast. This is our objection. The Minister is here. We have raised this objection so that the Minister may have an opportunity to make a proper statement here. That is all we are saying. He should say something about it.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Minister is reacting. Please take your seat.

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): Madam, we do not tailor the news and we do not dictate the news from the Ministry or from the Government. The parliamentary proceedings are covered by some special correspondents who have been assigned this job. If there is any distortion, they can write to the Chairman. I will enquire into that.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: He seems to be absolving himself of the responsibility. Somebody must answer in this House. He cannot absolve himself of this responsibility by merely saying that the correspondent is there. This is most reprehensible and shameful.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: We take it as a very serious insult of this House. The dignity of the House is sought to be outraged because the hon. Minister is answerable to Parliament with reference to Doordarshan and A.I.R. He says he does not know anything about it. It only means: "You go to hell". (*Interruptions*) What is that? Why don't you say you will enquire into it?

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: It is the height of irresponsibilty to talk like that.

SHRI P. UPENDRA: Madam, they did not listen to my last sentence. I said, if there was any distortion, they can write to me or to the Chairman, we will enquire into it. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: Mr. Minister, we are bringing it to your notice in the House... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Madam, as one who has been in charge of this Ministry I know very well as to who really calls the shots. So, don't try to give us a lollipop. But be that as it may, don't you owe it to to this House, when the whole House is agitated about certain distortions...

SHRI P. UPENDRA: Not the whole House.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: A section of the House.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: All right, when a majority of the House is agitated over the issue, doesn't he owe it to the House, Madam, to say, "all right. I take notice of your protest, I will enquire into it and come back to the House?"

SHRI P. UPENDRA: That is what I said.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: You say, "you write to me". Why are we to write to you? We have raised the issue here. That is enough. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P. UPENDRA: I do not know what is that distortion. You point it out to me. (*Interruptions*) How can I proceed unless you point out... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: Mr. Minister...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I think, now to close the matter... (*Interruptions*) You feel that you don't want to write. But, I feel that if you bring something in writing, it will be better because you will get a reply on record. (*Interruptions*) You write it. What is the harm? If it is truth, you write and let him find out. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Madam, we seek your protection...

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: Madam, when we voice our feelings here in the House, that goes on record and

does it mean that we should separately write to the Minister for that? A large section of the House is agitated on that issue, and he must come forth...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I said, write to the Chairman. I can only talk about the Chairman. I cannot talk about anybody. You write to the Chairman.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: It is rather insulting that the Minister says that you write... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P. UPENDRA: Madam, they are referring to some distortion. Distortion is a subjective matter. What they feel is a distortion may not be a distortion from the other side. Let them point out specifically what was the distortion. Then only we can make an enquiry.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now Mr. Suresh Pachouri. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Madam I am on a point of procedure. Madam, there are certain conventions in this House. Whenever such issues have been raised, the Chair has never directed the Member concerned to write unless the nature of the matter is such which requires some kind of personal dialogue. Where a large section is agitated and we are saying about this distortion, the questson of writing again does not arise. Let him go into it and let him see whether there is any distortion or not. (*Interruptions*) He is pretending such innocence, I tell you.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Salve, I did not ask the Member to write to the Minister. I asked the Member to write to the Chairman.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Madam....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute. If I am sitting in the Chair, and as I cannot stop people from speaking sometimes, I cannot force somebody to speak. He has heard everything. If he wanted to react, he would have reacted. As he did not react, the only option for the Member is to write to the Chairman. And you cannot force him to speak if he does not want to speak. If you can, you make him speak.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Respectfully, Madam, I want to submit...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I think, you are unnecessarily stretching the matter.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: No, Madam. Respectifully, Madam, I want to submit...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Respectfully, I submit to you that you are unnecessarily stretching the matter. I have said that you write to the Chairman and let the Chairman decide. It happened in my case. Once the matter was distorted by the Television. I wrote to the Chairman and the matter was settled. It was about a year ago. So, you write to the Chairman, and I assure you that he will protect all the Members.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, I am on a point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now no point of order, Mr. Pachouri.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Please listen.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have listened to you...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, in the discussion, a Member called another Member a *. It should be expunged.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will see to it that anything which is unparliamentary does not go on record. Now, Mr. Suresh Pachouri.

*Expunged as ordered by the Chair.

डा० अबरार अहमद खान (राजस्थान): मैं आपके माध्यम से हरियाणा में होने वाले एक बड़े खतरे से आगाह करना चाहता हूं। अभी कुछ दिन पहले महम में चुनाव हुए थे तो उस समय जिस प्रकार की घटना घटी और खून-खराबा हुआ, जिस प्रकार से निर्दोष लोगों को मारा गया, प्रेस वालों को मारा गया, उसी प्रकार से अभी जो दुबारा चुनाव होने जा रहे हैं। वहां के मुख्य मंत्री फिर से वहीं से चुनाव लड़ रहे हैं। वहां पर इतना खून खराबा हुआ, इसीलिए सरकार को सतर्कता बरतनी चाहिए... **(व्यवधान)**

उपसभापति : आप सब बैठ जाइये।

श्री विश्वजीत पृथ्वीजीत सिंह : अब पता चला है कि चौटाला के असली दोस्त कौन है ... **(व्यवधान)**

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please take your seat, Dr. Abrar Ahmed. Please sit down. Take your seat. Don't get agitated. I am not allowing you. Yes, Mr. Suresh Pachouri.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Threat to environment due to destruction of forests in M.P.

श्री सुरेश पचौरी (मध्य प्रदेश) : महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से सरकार का ध्यान मध्य प्रदेश में हरे-भरे वनों के विनाश के बारे में आकृष्ट करना चाहता हूं जिसकी वजह से पर्यावरण असंतुलन हो रहा है। वोटों की क्षुद्र राजनीति के शिकार मध्य देश के वन भी होने लगे हैं। हाल ही में सम्पन्न हुए म० प्र० विधान सभा चुनाव में अपनी विजय सुनिश्चित करने के लिए भा० ज० पा० ने बस्तर के आदिवासियों को बहका-कर हजारो एकड़ हरे-भरे वनो को कटवाया है। मैं स्वय बस्तर गया और जो जानकारी मिली, उसके अनुसार आदिवासियों को प्रलोभन दिया गया कि कमल के फूल पर मोहर लगाने पर जमीन के पटटे मिलेंगे। वहां के आदिवासियों ने बताया कि--

तब बले आमचो बलीराम दादा बललों कि जगल कटो, मुई कब्जा करो, खेती करों, वाल बच्चा को पालो, मांतर जमाय वोट फूल छाप में दियास बामचो सरकार बन लो में कब्जा कर जोमुई के पट्टा मिरेदे।

इससे सिद्ध होता है कि भा० ज० पा० ने वनों की अवैध कटाई का मुद्दा बना लिया था ताकि आदिवासियों का व्यापक समर्थन चुनाव में मिल सके। हुआ भी यही--कांग्रेस ने बस्तर की दोनो लोकसभा सीटें जीतीं और भा० ज० पा० ने विधान सभा में बारह में से आठ सीटें जीत ली। व्यापक वन विनाश के सकल, कोंड़ा गांव, मानपुरी, जगदलपुर, चित्रकुट, केसलूर विधान सभा क्षेत्रों में हो रहा है। 3 अप्रैल को बस्तर चेम्बर, आफ कामर्स के पद ग्रहण समारोह में मध्य प्रदेश के आदिम जाति कल्याण मंत्री श्री बलिराम कश्यप ने कहा कि पीड़ित आदिवासी जंगल नहीं काटेगा तो क्या करेगा। 4 अप्रैल को उन्होंने पत्रकार-वार्ता में कहा है कि वनों पर अतिक्रमण करने वाले आदिवासियों को उनकी सरकार पट्टा देगी। इससे साबित होता है कि भा० ज० पा० की शह पर विशेषकर श्री बलिराम कश्यप के संरक्षण में वनों की अवैध कटाई हुई है। यह विषय इतना गंभीर है कि इसे अनदेखा नहीं किया जा सकता क्योंकि वनों की सुरक्षा का सीधा संबंध प्रदूषण की रोकथाम और पर्यावरण को संतुलित बनाय रखने में है। मेरी सरकार से मांग है कि एक विशेषज्ञों का दल बस्तर भेजा जाये जो भयंकर वन विनाश और उसस होने वाला पर्यावरण असंतुलन को ऐसेस करे। साथ ही भयंकर कटाई को मद्देनजर रखकर आगामी 5 वर्ष तक इस क्षेत्र में किसी भी प्रकार के पेड़ों की कटाई पर रोक लगे तथा राजनीति के स्वार्थ सिद्धि करने की नियत से आदिवासियों को बनो की कटाई के लिए उकसाने वाले लोगों के खिलाफ कड़ी से कड़ी कार्यवाही हो। मैंने इस संबंध में प्रधान मंत्री और वन एवं पर्यावरण मंत्री को लिखा भी है जिसका कोई उत्तर नहीं आया है। इसी प्रकार की करोड़ों रुपये की कटाई, इंदौर, देवास के आसपास के जंगलों में हो रही है।

महोदया, एक और गम्भीर विषय है। अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय ख्यातिप्राप्त राष्ट्रीय उद्यान कान्हाकिसली के सुरक्षित वन पिछले एक माह से जल रहे हैं। 35 प्रतिशत से